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TO AMEMBASSY BRASILIA

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, SHUM, BR

SUBJECT: STATUS OF ARMS TRANSFERS TO BRAZIL

1. ALL PENDING MUNITIONS LIST AND FMS APPLICATIONS OF  
WHICH THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE HAVE BEEN APPROVED AS OF  
SEPTEMBER 6, EXCEPT:

(A) MC 61882 - 1 MAC-10 SUBMACHINE GUN FOR FIRST ARMY;  
DENIED

(B) MC 59981 - SMALL ARMS AND AMMUNITION FOR SAO PAULO  
POLICE ACADEMY; DENIED.

2. DOD HAS GIVEN INTERNAL INSTRUCTIONS TO PREPARE AN LOA  
FOR A TECHNICAL DATA PACKAGE FOR A RIBBON BRIDGE FOR NO  
LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 30. BRAZIL WILL PAY 5 PCT ROYALTIES  
IF THEY DECIDE TO PRODUCE ANY BRIDGES. TIME PRESSURE  
EXISTS AS GOB MUST DECIDE HOW MANY BRIDGES, IF ANY, THEY  
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INTEND TO PRODUCE BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30 FOR INCLUSION IN  
LOA.

3. SHIP TRANSFERS. SECDEF SENT LETTER TO ARMED SERVICES  
COMMITTEE ON JULY 28 REQUESTING EXPEDITIOUS ACTION ON THE  
TRANSFER OF THE LST 1174, AFDL 39 AND ARD 14 TO BRAZIL.  
NAVY HAS BRIEFED THE COMMITTEE STAFFERS AND IS OPTIMISTIC

THEY CAN OBTAIN AUTHORIZING LEGISLATION AND COMPLETE TRANSACTION BY END OF SEPTEMBER. THE MAJOR STALLING POINT AT PRESENT IS THAT THE COMMITTEE IS OCCUPIED WITH THE VETOED WEAPONS BILL AND IS UNLIKELY TO MOVE ANYTHING ELSE UNTIL THAT PROBLEM IS RESOLVED. NEVERTHELESS, IN THE EVENT THAT CONGRESS IS UNABLE TO MOVE ON THE THREE SHIPS IN TIME, OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THERE ARE A NUMBER OF WAYS TO RESOLVE THE ISSUE LEAVING THE SHIPS IN BRAZIL.

4. BRAZILIAN AIR ATTACHE MET WITH DOD (ISA AND DSAA) LAST WEEK TO REVIEW THE CURRENT FMS SITUATION AND DETERMINE DESIRABLE ACTION COURSE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT HE WAS VERY PLEASED THAT FMS CASES WERE BEING PROCESSED RAPIDLY AND THAT NO CASES ARE PENDING CURRENTLY. IN THIS REGARD DSAA HAS POSTPONED LOA DEADLINE FROM AUGUST 31 TO SEPTEMBER 30 TO AFFORD GREATEST FLEXIBILITY IN BRINGING FORWARD NEW FMS CASES BEFORE OCTOBER 1 CUTOFF.

5. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S NOTE ON EQUIPMENT PROBLEMS OF WHICH IT BELIEVES DEPARTMENT TO BE UNAWARE. CHRISTOPHER

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